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Communist Troop Dispositions

1. In early November 1952 there were 1,000 Chinese Communist troops at Hsiahuak'ou¹. These troops were erecting permanent barracks for housing.
2. On 7 November, 1,000 Communist troops moved from Sungpan (N 32-39, E 103-37) to Pingwu (N 32-35, E 104-35).

Anti-Guerrilla Activities

3. In mid-October HUANG Hsiang (7806/4382), the Tibetan magistrate of Hsiaho (N 35-25, E 102-23), accompanied by a detachment of Communist troops and well-supplied with money, was attempting to buy the cooperation of the Tibetans in the Hsits'anhsinssu area³.
4. In early November CHANG Hsing-chung (1728/5887/1813), Communist chairman of the Military and Political Affairs Committee at Maerkeng⁴, and SO Kuan-ying (4792/6034/3467), native officer at Chok'ochi (N 31-47, E 102-12), were in Maisang⁵. They attempted to force Hua-erh-kung-ch'eng-lieh (5478/3643/0501/2052/3525), native officer at Maisang, to surrender General CHOU Hsin-yueh, Szechuan guerrilla commander, and HO Pen-ch'u (0149/2609/0443), former chief of the Sixteenth Administrative Area in Szechuan, both of whom were hiding in the Maisang area. Hua-erh-kung-ch'eng-lieh was ordered to attend a meeting in Chungking, but requested a week's delay before deciding whether he would attend the meeting and whether he would surrender CHOU and HO to the Communists.

Prices in the Szechuan-Kansu Border Area

5. In early November the following prices were in effect in the Szechuan-Kansu border area:

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- a. Flour: one silver dollar for three catties and four ounces.
- b. Salt: one silver dollar for two catties.
- c. Leather shoes: 10 silver dollars and up per pair.
- d. Fur garments: 70 silver dollars and up per suit.
- e. Cattle: 70 silver dollars and up per head.
- f. Horses (including saddles): 300 to 700 silver dollars per head.

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Comments:

1. Approximately N 32-10, E 102-45.
2. According to [redacted] on 2 October 1952 a thousand Chinese Communist troops were moving from Sungp'an to reinforce Heichui.
3. Approximately N 33-52, E 102-40.⁶
4. Approximately N 31-16, E 102-03.
5. Approximately N 32-52, E 101-45. Maisang is also known as Apa.⁷

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Comments:

25X1A 6. In [redacted] the coordinates for Hsits'anghsinssu were given as N-34-44, E 102-32. In [redacted] the coordinates reported above were given as the approximate location of Langmussu, reported in [redacted] as approximately N 34-02, E 102-17.

25X1A 7. In [redacted] the coordinates given for Apa were N 32-45, E 102-20.

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